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WASHINGTON, June 28, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 23 totaled 345,077, up 4.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 but 1.5 percent below the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 9.6 percent in the East but down 1.9 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, coal loadings were up 15,174 cars (13.4 percent). Chemical loadings were up 2,389 cars (9.5 percent), and loadings of motor vehicles and equipment rose by 2,222 cars (11.3 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 25 weeks of 1990 totaled 8,507,824, up 0.5 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 119,213 trailers and/or containers for the week ended June 23, up 3.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1989.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 25 weeks of 1990 was 2,909,441 trailers and/or containers, 3.5 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended June 23 totaled 20.3 billion, up 8.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 25 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 501.8 billion ton-miles, up 3.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 23, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JUNE 23, 1990	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,543	27,707	-4.2 %	28,278	-6.1 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,906	2,024	-5.8	2,076	-8.2
Metallic Ores	19,994	23,218	-13.9	21,049	-5.0
Coal	128,145	112,971	13.4	132,345	-3.2
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,447	17,174	1.6	17,118	1.9
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,941	10,708	-7.2	9,087	9.4
Grain Mill Products	9,715	9,861	-1.5	9,870	-1.6
Food & Kindred Products	8,269	8,390	-1.4	8,640	-4.3
Primary Forest Products	10,011	10,314	-2.9	10,081	-.7
Lumber & Wood Products	6,673	7,705	-13.4	6,589	1.3
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,630	10,929	-2.7	10,328	2.9
Chemicals	27,455	25,066	9.5	27,244	.8
Petroleum Products	4,760	5,000	-4.8	5,375	-11.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,414	10,274	1.4	10,359	.5
Coke	5,630	5,255	7.1	5,866	-4.0
Metals & Products	9,720	9,757	-.4	9,781	-.6
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	21,847	19,625	11.3	21,042	3.8
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,934	8,506	5.0	8,961	-.3
All Other Carloads	7,043	7,067	-.3	6,210	13.4
Total	**345,077**	**331,551**	**4.1 %**	**350,299**	**-1.5 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JUNE 23, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 25 WEEKS ENDING JUNE 23, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**345,077**	**331,551**	**4.1 %**	**8,507,824**	**8,463,784**	**.5 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	65,839	66,785	-1.4	1,641,790	1,644,165	-.1
Containers	53,374	48,062	11.1	1,267,651	1,167,778	8.6
Total	**119,213**	**114,847**	**3.8**	**2,909,441**	**2,811,943**	**3.5**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.3**	**18.8**	**8.0 %**	**501.8** r	**485.5**	**3.4 %**

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 25, 1990 - BAR & GBW.

r Cumulative 1990 ton-miles revised to reflect reported 1st Quarter 1990 ton-miles.